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NEW DELHI FOR LINEBERRY

E.O. 11652: N/A
TUDGS: ABLD
SUBJ: CONSTRUCTION CALCUTTA OB-PROPERTY 31428/B-
CONTRACT S114-FBO-130

REF: STATE 223651

1. POST REQUESTS FBO RECONSIDER SEVERAL FUNDING DECISIONS MADE

IN REFTEL FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

2. AT PRESENT TIME, OF THREE ENTRANCES INTO CONSULATE COMPOUND FROM RESIDENTIAL COMPOUNDS, TWO OF THESE, THOSE FROM 5/2 HO CHI MINH PROPERTY, HECE STEEL DOORS AND YALE LOCKS, AS PER RSO'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN JANUARY 1975. WOODEN GATE INTO CONSUL GENERAL'S

GARDEN AREA IS ALMOST DIRECTLY OPPOSITE CONSULATE MAIN ENTRANCE AND ANYONE ENTERING CONSULATE COMPOUND COULD GAIN IMMEDIATE ACCESS TO CG GARDEN-RESIDENCE VIA THIS GATE. ADMIN OFFICER HAS DISCUSSED THIS SECURITY OVERSIGHT WITH BOTH RSO AND MTT MEMBERS AND ALL IN AGREEMENT THAT STEEL DOOR WITH LOCK SHOULD REPLACE INADEQUATE WOODEN GATE. DOOR WOULD BE PAINTED WHITE LIKE WALL AND NOT CREATE AESTHETIC PROBLEM.

3. SIMILARLY, REPLACEMENT OF LOUVERED DOOR WITH SOLID DOOR IS BASED ON SECURITY NEED AND ON RECOMMENDATION OF TSO. SKEPTCH BEING POUCHED THIS DATE UNDER REGISTRY NR. 1859261.
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4. CONSULATE GUARDS NOW HOUSED IN BUILDING SERVICED BY A SPIRAL STAIRCASE. IN EVENT OF TERRORIST ATTACK OR FIRE, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO MOVE QUICKLY DOWN THIS STAIRCASE. ADDITIONALLY NO BULKY ITEM CAN BE CARRIED UP OR DOWN THIS STAIRCASE BUT MUST BE LIFTED BY ROPES. POST DOES NOT UNDERSTAND

WHY ORIGNIAL PLANS DID NOTE CHANGE STAIRCASE BUT PRESENT CONSUL GENERAL AND SECURITY OFFICER BOTH AGREE THAT STAIRCASE SHOULD BE CHANGED FOR SECURITY/SAFETY REASONS.

5. POST FULLY REALIZES THAT COMPLETION DATE FOR BUILDING WAS AUGUST 20 BUT FBO MUST ALSO REALIZE THAT THESE LAST CHANGES ARE NECESSITATED BY SECURITY/SAFETY REASONS, NOT ON PERSONAL WHIM. KORN

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